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[Unattributed article: "These Are the LDP Zoku"]

[Text]**The saying that politics is for the Liberal Democrats and policy is for the bureaucrats is a thing of the past. Now it is the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) that takes the lead in formulating policy. The emergence of the zoku dietmembers is what is behind it. They are a group of professionals with specialized knowledge surpassing that of the bureaucratic officials and that has accumulated admittedly superior political power within the LDP as well. But the criticism is as deep-rooted as ever that they are a group that flock around "money" and "markers." What on earth are "zoku" dietmembers?**

Fierce Battle for Spoils Over 1991 Budget

It is a real trial if an LDP dietman seeks to become a "zoku" member. Subcommittee meetings at the party headquarters in Tokyo's Nagatacho start at eight o'clock. But it is no good only to show up. One must study in advance. So the night before there is no question of a night on the town. They are waiting in anticipation for their turn after the Obon holiday. This is because, due to the recent Japan-U.S. Structural Impediments Initiative (SII) talks, a "lifestyle-related" appropriation of 200 billion yen was newly established as a separate investment-sector allocation for public works, etc., in the standard budget request for 1991. The prospect is for the requests of the various ministries and agencies regarding the "lifestyle-related appropriation" to reach 900 billion yen. When almost all of the requests are made, how will they be inserted? This is an occasion for the zoku dietmen to show their ability.

On the other hand, the shares of the public works spending itself in the related ministries—Construction, Transportation, Agriculture, etc.—has hardly changed at all during the past 10 years. Construction has 68.2 percent of the budget; Agriculture, 22 percent; Transportation, 6.2 percent; and the others, 3.6 percent.

The zoku dietmen of each ministry have opposed lowering their organization's share to the point that it is said that "there would be a bloodbath if you tried to change this distribution." But public works spending, escaping the zero ceiling in next year's budget, will grow by 5.5 percent for the first time in a long while. In the budget requests that come to an end in August, it is certain that there will develop a fierce struggle by the zoku dietmen over apportioning the budget.

Zoku dietmen are by definition LDP dietmen who have strong influence in the policy decisionmaking of government ministries and the coordination of interests in the related groups and business circles. At present, there are a total of 394 LDP dietmen—285 in the Diet's lower house, 109 in the upper house (excluding the speaker)—but not all are zoku dietmen.

Center stage for the activities of zoku dietmen is the 17 subcommittees of the LDP's Policy Affairs Research Council (PARC). Nearly all are set up parallel to the government ministries: Financial Policy Subcommittee-Finance Ministry, Education Subcommittee-Education Ministry, Social Subcommittee-Health and Welfare Ministry. If the policies and legislation the ministries draft do not clear the relevant PARC subcommittee, it will not be approved by the party and will not be submitted to the Diet.

Becoming Subcommittee Chairman, Finally Coming Into One's Own

Well, how are zoku dietmen born? Dietmen can belong to up to four subcommittees. But it does not mean that they are zoku dietmen the instant they join a subcommittee.

A certain individual connected to the LDP says, "It's bad only to attend the subcommittee meetings. Through administration, and theoretically as well, one has to stand out. By staying a long time in one subcommittee, applying themselves to developing a theoretical organization and coordinating ability, and with a sure content to their declarations, high officials from the ministries and agencies seeking to put out new policies will approach them for consultations. When they reach that point, they can then call themselves "zoku" members.

In the case of the LDP's lower house dietmen, they take up the position of parliamentary vice minister in the various ministries and agencies on their third or fourth election. However, even at this stage they are not yet treated as full-fledged "zoku" members.

Again, according to an individual connected to the LDP, "What kind of things do they say in the subcommittees? Their fellow dietmen and bureaucrats are listening, so the subcommittees are intense places where Dietmen are tested on their ability. If what they say is on the mark, if it is thought, 'Hey, he's making good sense,' then senior dietmen will look after them. A good example of that is Ryutaro Hashimoto."

"With his natural good sense, he understood complex health and welfare administrative matters and joined the ranks of the senior dietmen while still a young man."

On their fourth or fifth election, LDP lower house dietmen become subcommittee chairmen; on their fifth or sixth election, lower house committee chairmen; and on their sixth or seventh election, they enter the cabinet for the first time. The course is an established one, but once they become subcommittee chairmen and are finally treated as full-fledged zoku dietmen, a fierce contest backed by the party factions is played out for apportionment of the positions.

Naturally, it is not that any [PARC] subcommittee at all will do. Areas that are strong in attracting votes and are linked to concessions are very popular. There are 157 zoku dietmen in the Construction Subcommittee, 129 in

the Agriculture Subcommittee, and 114 in the Commerce and Industry Subcommittee—those subcommittees are called "the three families" [refers to the three branches of the Tokugawa clan that ruled Japan from the 17th to the 19th century]. But there are only 29 in the Justice Subcommittee and 35 in the Environment Subcommittee, subcommittees with little to do with votes and concessions. Consequently, there are not zoku dietmen in all 17 subcommittees. Those called "zoku" members are usually in 11.

There are those who hold power in the ranks of the zoku who, despite a late start, distinguished themselves. On the other hand, there are dietmen who are unable to become "zoku" members.

"Those are the dietmen who have a weak hold on their seats. They always have to leave Tokyo and go back to their districts, so they cannot attend sessions of study meetings, etc., held in Tokyo. Even though they belong to the same subcommittees for many years, when the ministries and agencies seek out a new policy, they are not consulted beforehand. In the end, they cannot become "zoku" members in the words of an individual connected to the LDP.

"Three Families"—Commerce and Industry, Construction, Agriculture—Are Powerful

Let us now introduce the various "zoku":

(1) Commerce and Industry Zoku

From an individual's shop to large corporations, the approval of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) is necessary for all situations of economic activities. This is the stage where zoku members act. The actors are Seiroku Kajiyama, Takashi Tawara, and others.

(2) Transportation Zoku

The authority of the Transportation Ministry is great, and in that there is much room for the zoku members to act. Mutsuki Kato and Hiroshi Mitsuzuka are at the center.

(3) Communications Zoku

Traditionally, one could talk of concessions, but as far as those related to the broadcast industry, they were said to be zoku members who did not come into much money. But, greeting the new media age, concessions are growing year by year. Mutsuki Kato and Tsutomu Hata have real ability. Masami Tanabu is a hopeful.

(4) Construction Zoku

Such public works as roads and bridges are the greatest concessions. Under a restrictive monetary policy, they suffered for a time, but since the period of domestic demand expanded to that of the large-scale public works, the area of activity seems to be expanding. The don of the construction zoku is the well-known Shin Kanemaru.

(5) Education Zoku

A group of theorists with few connections to concessions. Their ideological coloring is strong. For some reason there are many from Waseda University.

(6) Health and Welfare Zoku

The two pillars of medicine and pensions are important concessions. Tatsuo Ozawa, Kunikichi Saito, and Ryutaro Hashimoto are powerful members.

(7) Agriculture Zoku

Tsutomu Hata, Takashi Sato, and Koichi Kato are the "new three families." Among the younger members, Hakuo Yanagisawa is making a name for himself.

(8) Fisheries Zoku

In line with the declining position of the fisheries industry, its zokus' voices have also grown weaker. With the industry's great pillar—former Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki—gone, it is said that in fact this zoku has declined.

(9) Finance Zoku

The group is divided into two parts: the banking zoku supporting its industry and the tax zoku who participate in financial policy. They have a high degree of specialization, and many are from the Finance Ministry.

(10) National Defense Zoku

A high degree of specialization and experience gives them no points in elections. They also have few ties through which to give concessions.

(11) Labor Zoku

There are few ties with concessions. A high degree of political ability is demanded.

How does the opposition view this LDP show of prosperity? The Japan Socialist Party's (JSP) Shigeru Ito, chairman of the Policy Board, says that "it's completely amazing." He continues that, "when Tatsuo Seshima, who was acting chairman of the New Administrative Reform Council came to explain it to me, he did so with a sigh, saying that the distribution of public works spending, fixed to some tenths of a percent according to the structure of zoku dietmen's interests, could not be changed. This expresses the LDP's political structure. Construction-related matters are particularly amazing. According to what people say, 2-3 percent of business expenses go to political contributions. If that's true, the swaggering of zoku dietmen is objectionable in my eyes. First of all, environmental and cultural matters are also important fields. I would like to see zoku dietmen active there too, but in those fields that don't deliver votes or money, zoku dietmen are not interested. I expect this is the LDP's constitution."

Commentator Tetsuro Murobushi says, "I think politicians becoming specialists is itself a good thing. However, as a major premise it is first necessary that a change in government be possible. It's good that they become experts, but when one-party rule continues for a long time, public works investment for continuing capitalism ends up changing into concessions. Therefore, corruption such as Recruit and Lockheed surfaces."

Pork Barrel-Type No Longer Tolerable

Commentator Soichiro Tawara speaks these days of the state of the changing "zoku." "Zoku dietmen until now have been acting the part of Santa Claus, bringing home the bacon to the voters. In the process, they skimmed off concessions.

"But now they must convince their constituents, the voters, of difficult things. For example, looking at the agriculture zoku, they must lower the rice support price and liberalize [the trade in] farm products. They must now favor policies opposite to those they held until now.

"Speaking of rice, the zoku members of the past who have said not one grain of rice will be imported will become liars. In effect, they will lose their credibility. Will they be able to ride out this situation? Zoku dietmen are now on trial."

Zoku dietmen who cannot respond to the changing times will simply fade away.

[Boxed article by Hoshin Iwai, Tokiwa University Assistant Professor, p 28]

Zoku Dietmen Who Gather Around "Money" (Concessions) and "Markers" (Votes)

In fields with little relation to "money" and "markers," there are no zoku dietmen. That is to say, there are probably many with a taste for only those things.

Tokiwa University Assistant Professor Hoshin Iwai analyzes thus the connection in LDP politics between these burgeoning zoku groups and "money" and "markers."

The term "zoku dietman" means one who has a strong influence in regard to a particular field of policy. Most concretely, it indicates those dietmen whom bureaucrats and the LDP leadership target tor lay the groundwork for various policy decisions.

Properly speaking, the term "zoku dietman," which must, at one time, have meant a small number of special politicians, is now used like another word for "LDP politician." Also, in such important policy decisions as those on rice prices and the tax system, there even arise "instant zoku" with essentially no relationship to the subject at hand. It is no exaggeration to say that every LDP politician is truly becoming a zoku dietman.

Why should it be that zoku dietmen have come so much into the spotlight? Then again, why do all LDP politicians aim to be zoku dietmen?

First, speaking of Japanese politics, its character was strongly one of the LDP implementing policies drafted by bureaucrats—as expressed in the phrase "bureaucratic politics." The interest of LDP politicians in policies was low. That is to say, a cohabitation took place on both sides; politics belonged to the LDP, policy to the bureaucrats.

But with the first oil shock of the 1970's, under a restrictive fiscal policy, the bureaucrats' influence that made use of budgets and supplementary funds was compelled to retreat. Also, the turf battles of the ministries and agencies over the limited budgets intensified, and the LDP was requested to mediate.

On the other hand, in Japanese society as well, a recomposition of social benefits was progressing on the axis of the transformation at that time of the industrial structure. There was fierce confrontation repeatedly between the interests of the newly ascendant and existing concessions. Here also the LDP was asked to play the role of political interests mediator.

Through the activities of the LDP's PARC subcommittees that actually undertook responsibility for the role of interests mediation, there were zoku dietmen who were the product of the individual ministries and agencies. At the same time that they became influencial through this process, regarding the policy decisions that the bureaucrats would conduct, they were also expanding the network to the bureaucrats and related industries.

The result was "money" and "markers." That is to say, it took the concrete form of political funds and support in elections. The network set up in the process of interest mediation made various interests inducements easy. In return, money and markers were obtained. The one who earliest realized these kinds of benefits was none other than former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, said to be the forerunner of zoku dietmen. He actively developed his own faction's dietmen into zoku dietmen and created a system called the "General Hospital" in which zoku dietmen in every field coexisted within the faction. And it became the reason that the Tanaka faction was the strongest.

In this way, with the advantageousness of becoming a zoku dietman clear, every LDP politician set off down the road to becoming one. This expresses the LDP's political structure.

Naturally, there is a strong tendency for newer politicians to aim from the start to become zoku dietmen demanding money and markers. It appears in the popularity of subcommittees. The Agriculture, Construction, and Commerce and Industry Subcommittees, which all have close ties to both money and markers, are called the "three families." Each one has over 100 subcommittee members jostling each other. Also, the birth of instant zoku members, on occasion, through their participation in policy decisionmaking, is a result of their politician's conciousness of trying to share in the division of profits connected to money and markers.

Gleam in Their Eyes of 430 Trillion Yen in Public Works Investments

On the other hand, there exist no zoku dietmen at all in fields not connected to money and markers. That Japan's politicians have no interest in such problems as foreign policy, the environment, and human rights—despite their importance for the people and their high international interest—is because these fields have weak connections to money and markers.

Throughout the 1980's, election results shifted and reelection became more uncertain. Along with the need for large amounts of money to support diligent electoral district activities, one can say that this trend spurred on the need for money. At the same time, zoku dietmen with many funding networks also came to occupy advantageous positions in faction succession races. That politicians such as Ichiro Ozawa, Ryutaro Hashimoto, and Hiroshi Mitsuzuka—who are seen as assuming the mantle of the next generation—are generally zoku dietmen is an interesting fact. In truth, looking at statements of political funds income and expenditures, almost all the industrial circles related to health and welfare administration contribute money to Hashimoto, who is known as the boss of the Health and Welfare zoku. Every member of the transportation and communication industries circles offers political funds to the don of the transportation zoku, Mitsuzuka. And it is not difficult to imagine that their fundraising ability as zoku dietmen has boosted them to the ranks of what is called the neo-new leaders.

In the midst of the above situation, there is an attempt to implement public works spending amounting to 430 trillion yen based on the Japan-U.S. SII talks. There is no doubt it is something to put a gleam in the eyes of the zoku dietmen depressed by the Recruit incident.

However, whether they are zoku dietmen from the start or instant zoku, the fact that money motivates their actions is likely to mean throwing good money after bad. Also, since zoku dietmen are primarily lined up with the individual ministries and agencies, it is predicted that the various combinations of bureaucrats and their comrades, zoku dietmen, will fiercely confront one another. In that case, there is the possibility of the budget being divided by the percentages fixed in the past. And if that happens, there is also the danger that the full effect of the public works investments which attach importance to raising the standard of living will not be felt. In that sense, when looking at the 430 trillion yen of public works investments there will be a careful eye cast on any [accompanying] inflation, soaring land prices, and—at the same time—the interests [brokering] of the zoku dietmen. [end box]

LDP Zoku Dietmembers List

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Commerce and Industry Zoku									
Kabun Muto	64	9	Gifu 1	Watanabe	Kyoto U	MITI, Agriculture	-	Home Affairs	-
Yoshiro Hayashi	63	8	Yamaguchi 1	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	Health and Welfare	-	Finance, Economic Planning	MITI, Division Director
Kozo Watanabe	58	8	Fukushima 2	Takeshita	Waseda U	Home Affairs, Health & Welfare	Commerce & Industry	Education, MITI	-
Seiroku Kajiyama	64	7	Ibaragi 2	Takeshita	Nihon U	MITI, Home Affairs	Commerce & Industry	MITI, Cabinet Secretariat	-
Gentaro Nakajima	61	7	Gunma 2	Abe	Keio U	Education	Cabinet, Foreign Affairs	Economic Planning, MITI	-
Takeshi Noda	48	7	Kumamoto 1	Watanabe	Tokyo U	Construction	Commerce & Industry	MITI	-
Hideo Watanabe	56	6	Niigata 3	Watanabe	Takushoku U	-	Commerce & Industry	MITI, Cabinet Secretariat	-
Fumitake Kishida	63	5	Hiroshima 1	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	-	Cabinet	Education, Management & Coordination	Small & Medium Enterprises Agency, Director-General

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Takashi Tawara	64	5	Oita 2	Takeshita	Kyushu U	-	Commerce & Industry	MITI	-
Kaoru Yosano	51	5	Tokyo 1	Watanabe	Tokyo U	-	Commerce & Industry, Science & Technology	MITI	-
Takamori Makino	64	4	Fukui	Watanabe	Tokyo U	-	-	Cabinet Secretariat, Foreign Affairs	MITI Osaka Bureau, Director-General
Koji Omi	57	3	Gunma 1	Abe	Hitotsubashi U	-	-	Finance	Small & Medium Enterprises Agency, Office Director
Nobutaka Machimura	45	3	Hokkaido 1	Abe	Tokyo U	-	-	Education	MITI, Planning Officer
Iwao Matsuda	53	2	Gifu 1	Takeshita	Tokyo U	-	-	-	MITI, Office Director
Transportation Zoku									
Takashi Hasegawa	78	13	Miyagi 2	Abe	Waseda U	Justice, Transportation, Labor	Transportation	Education	-
Mutsuki Kato	64	9	Okayama 2	None	Himeji High School	Agriculture, National Land, Hokkaido Development	Finance	Transportation	-
Hiroyuki Masuoka	67	8	Hiroshima 2	Miyazawa	Waseda U	Health & Welfare	Finance, Transportation	Health & Welfare, Transportation	-
Tokuo Yamashita	70	8	Saga	Komoto	Senshu U	Cabinet Secretariat, Management & Coordination, Transportation	Rules & Administration, Social & Labor Affairs, Transportation	MITi, Health & Welfare	-
Hiroshi Mitsuzuka	63	7	Miyagi 1	Abe	Waseda U	Foreign Affairs, Transportation, MITI	Rules & Administration	Transportation, Education	-
Michihiko Kano	48	6	Yamagata 1	Abe	Gakushuin U	Agriculture	Transportation	Transportation	-
Katsutsugu Sekiya	52	6	Ehime 1	Watanabe	Chuo U	-	Transportation	Transportation, Posts & Telecommunications	-
Shinji Sato	58	5, 1 (UH)	Yamaguchi 2	Takeshita	Keio U	Transportation	Commerce & Industry	MITI, Management & Coordination, Okinawa Development	-
Fumio Kyuma	49	4	Nagasaki 1	Takeshita	Tokyo U	-	-	Transportation	-

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Takenori Kato	74	5	UH-Okayama	Abe	Chuo U	Home Affairs	Social & Labor Affairs, Foreign Affairs & Security, Commerce & Industry, Cabinet	Labor	-
Tomoo Ie	69	3	UH-National	Takeshita	Tohoku U	-	Finance	Okinawa Development	National Railways, Standing Director
Kiyoshi Kajiwara	68	2	UH-National	Takeshita	Kyoto U	-	Finance	Finance	Transportation Ministry, Bureau Director-General
Taizo Nozawa	57	1	UH-National	Abe	Tokyo U	-	-	Hokkaido Development	National Railways, Bureau Director-General
Posts and Telecommunications Zoku									
Keizo Obuchi	53	10	Gunma 3	Takeshita	Waseda U	Cabinet Secretariat, Management & Coordination	Budget, Finance, Security	Posts & Telecommunications, Construction, Management & Coordination	-
Mutsuki Kato	64	9	Okayama 2	None	Himeji High	Agriculture, National Land, Hokkaido Development	Finance	Transportation	-
Megumu Sato	67	8	Osaka 6	Takeshita	Kyoto U	Posts & Telecommunications	Communications, Local Administration	Posts and Telecommunications, Home Affairs	Matsuyama Posts & Telecommunications Bureau, Director-General
Tsutomu Hata	54	8	Nagano 2	Takeshita	Seijo U	Agriculture	Agriculture	Posts & Telecommunications, Agriculture	-
Tokuo Yamashita	70	8	Saga	Komoto	Senshu U	Cabinet Secretariat, Management & Coordination, Transportation	Rules & Administration, Social & Labor Affairs	MITI, Health & Welfare	-
Motoji Kondo	60	5	Niigata 1	Miyazawa	Nihon U	-	Agriculture	Agriculture	-
Masami Tanabu	55	5	Aomori 1	Abe	Rikkyo U	-	Transportation, Communications	Posts & Telecommunications, Health & Welfare	-

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Eijiro Hata	61	5	Oita 1	Takeshita	Musashi Technical Institute	-	Social & Labor Affairs, Communica-tions	Posts & Telecommu-nications	-
Akira Fukida	63	5	Yamaguchi 2	Abe	Yanai Com-mercial High	-	Cabinet, Environment	-	-
Hiromu Nonaka	64	4	Kyoto 2	Takeshita	Sonobe Middle School	-	-	Construction	-
Nobutaka Machimura	45	3	Hokkaido 1	Abe	Tokyo U	-	-	Education	-
Toshitsugu Saito	45	2	Shizuoka 2	Takeshita	Sophia U	-	-	-	-
Yuji Osada	73	4	UH-National	Takeshita	Tokyo U	Science & Technology	Budget, Transporta-tion	-	Post & Tele-communica-tions Min-istry, Vice Minister
Yutaka Okano	63	2	UH-National	Takeshita	Kyoto U	-	Foreign Affairs	Okinawa Develop-ment	Posts and Telecommu-nications Ministry, Bureau Director-General
Yushin Morizumi	66	2	UH-Kumamoto	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	-	-	-	Posts & Telecommu-nications Ministry, Vice-Min-ister
Construction Zoku									
Ken Harada	71	13	Osaka 3	Takeshita	Meiji U, left midway	Transporta-tion, Posts & Telecommu-nications, Economic Planning	Transporta-tion	MITI, Finance	-
Shin Kane-maru	75	12	Yamanashi	Takeshita	Tokyo U of Agriculture	Construc-tion, Defense, National Land	Construc-tion,Rules & Administra-tion	Posts & Telecommu-nications, Transporta-tion	-
Tatsuo Ozawa	73	11	Niigata 1	None	Tokyo U	Health & Welfare, Environment, Construction	Social & Labor Affairs	Finance, Agriculture	-
Eiichi Watanabe	71	10	Gifu 2	Takeshita	Nagoya Higher Com-mercial School	Construction	Construc-tion, Accounting, Discipline	Education, Construction	-
Ichiro Ozawa	48	8	Iwate 2	Takeshita	Keio U	Home Affairs	Rules & Administra-tion	Transporta-tion, Science & Technology, Cabinet Sec-retariat	-

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Keijiro Murata	66	8	Aichi 5	Abe	Kyoto U	MITI	Construction	Construction, Management & Coordination	-
Kozo Watanabe	58	8	Fukushima 2	Takeshita	Waseda	Home Affairs, Health & Welfare	Commerce & Industry	Education, MITI	-
Yoichi Tani	63	6	Hyogo 5	Watanabe	Kobe 1st Commercial High	Science & Technology	Construction	Construction, Home Affairs	-
Kishiro Nakamura	41	6	Ibaragi 3	Takeshita	Nihon U	Science & Technology	Construction	Construction, Defense	-
Kanezo Muraoka	58	6	Akita 2	Takeshita	Keio U	Posts & Telecomm	Construction	Construction	-
Takashi Tawara	64	5	Oita 2	Takeshita	Kyushu U	-	Commerce & Industry	MITI	Construction Ministry, Kyushu Bureau Director-General
Makoto Koga	50	4	Fukuoka 3	Miyazawa	Nihon U	-	-	Construction	-
Shin Sakurai	57	4	Niigata 3	Abe	Waseda U	-	-	National Land	-
Hosei Norota	60	3, 1 (UH)	Akita 1	Takeshita	Chuo U	-	Construction	Agriculture	Construction Ministry, Divsion Director
Toshinobu Awaya	64	2	Hiroshima 1	Takeshita	Tokyo	-	-	-	Construction Ministry, Vice-Minister
Shigenobu Sakano	73	3	UH-Tottori	Takeshita	Tokyo U	Home Affairs	Finance, Cabinet	-	Construction Ministry, Vice-Minister
Takashi Inoue	65	2	UH-National	Takeshita	Kyoto University	-	Cabinet	-	Construction Ministry, Vice-Minister
Tetsuo Kutsukake	60	1	UH-Ishikawa	Abe	Tokyo U	-	-	-	Construction Ministry, Technical Officer
Education Zoku									
Takashi Hasegawa	78	13	Miyagi 2	Abe	Waseda	Justice, Transportation, Labor	Transportation	Education	-
Ken Harada	71	13	Osaka 3	Takeshita	Meiji U, Withdrew	Transportation, Posts & Telecommunications, Economic Planning	Transportation	MITI, Finance	-
Yohei Kono	53	9	Kanagawa 5	Miyazawa	Waseda U	Science & Technology	-	Education	-

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Takeo Nishioka	54	9	Nagasaki 1	Miyazawa	Waseda U	Education	-	Education	-
Hikaru Matsunaga	61	8	Saitama 1	Watanabe	Waseda U	Education, MITI	Construction	Justice, MITI	-
Yoshiro Mori	53	8	Ishikawa 1	Abe	Waseda	Education	Finance	Management & Coordination, Cabinet Secretariat	-
Masahisa Aoki	67	7	Saitama 4	Watanabe	Tokyo U	Environment	Education	Justice, Foreign Affairs	-
Hiroshi Mitsuzuka	63	7	Miyagi 1	Abe	Waseda U	Foreign Affairs, Transportation, MITI	Rules & Administration	Transportation, Education	-
Kazuya Ishibashi	68	6	Chiba 3	Abe	Nihon Agricultural School	Education	Local Administration	Education	-
Iwao Kudo	68	5	Iwate 1	Komoto	Tokyo U	-	Education	Education, National Land	-
Kunio Hatoyama	41	5	Tokyo 8	Takeshita	Tokyo U	-	Education	Education, Administration & Management	-
Taro Aso	49	4	Fukuoka 2	Miyazawa	Gakushuin U	-	-	Education	-
Yukio Nakagawa	73	2	UH-Ehime	Takeshita	Iyo Agriculture High	-	Agriculture, Education	Agriculture	-
Kakuji Yanagawa	64	2	UH-National	Watanabe	Waseda U	-	Education	Okinawa Development	Education Ministry, Bureau Director-General
Health and Welfare Zoku									
Kunikichi Saito	81	12	Fukushima 3	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	Administrative Management Agency, Health and Welfare	Finance	Finance, Cabinet Secretariat	Labor Ministry, Vice-Minister
Tatsuo Ozawa	73	11	Niigata 1	None	Tokyo U	Health & Welfare, Environment, Construction	Social & Labor Affairs	Finance, Agriculture	Health & Welfare Ministry, Division Director
Ryutaro Hashimoto	53	10	Okayama 2	Takeshita	Keio U	Finance, Transportation, Health & Welfare	Social & Labor Affairs	Health & Welfare	-
Yoshiro Hayashi	63	8	Yamaguchi 1	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	Health & Welfare	-	Finance, Economic Planning	MITI, Division Director
Isamu Imai	71	7	Ehime 3	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	Health & Welfare	Agriculture	Agriculture, Health & Welfare	-
Junichiro Koizumi	48	7	Kanagawa 2	Abe	Keio U	Health & Welfare	Finance	Finance	-

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Saburo Toida	72	6	Hyogo 4	Takeshita	Chuo U	Welfare	Social and Labor Affairs	Posts and Telecommunications/ Welfare	-
Yuya Niwa	46	5	Ibaragi 3	Miyazawa	Keio U	-	Social & Labor Affairs	Health & Welfare	-
Takujiro Hamada	48	4	Saitama 1	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	-	-	Foreign Affairs	-
Bunmei Ibuki	52	3	Kyoto 1	None	Kyoto U	-	-	-	-
Shozaburo Jimi	44	3	Fukuoka 4	Watanabe	Kyushu U	-	-	National Land	Kyushu U Medical Dept Professor
Kazumi Mochinaga	63	2	Miyazaki 2	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	-	-	-	Social Insurance Agency, Director-General
Juro Saito	50	4	UH-Mie	Takeshita	Keio U	Health & Welfare	Rules & Administration, Commerce & Industry	Finance	-
Hoei Oohama	62	2	UH-National	Takeshita	Kumamoto Medical	-	-	Agriculture, Finance	-
Masami Tanaka	73	2, 8 (LH)	UH-National	Abe	Tokyo U	Health & Welfare	LH: Social & Labor Issues, Education, Finance, Budget	Health & Welfare, Hokkaido Development	-
Hideki Miyazaki	59	1	UH-National	Watanabe	Grad School, Tokyo Medical College	-	-	Environmental Agency	Japan Medical Association, Counselor
Kayoko Shimizu	54	1	UH-National	Abe	Tokyo U	-	-	-	Health & Welfare Ministry, Division Director
Agriculture-Forestry Zoku									
Hyosuke Niwa	79	12	Aichi 2	Komoto	Kanto Gakuin U	Labor, Management & Coordination, Land	Education, Agriculture	Posts & Telecommunications, Agriculture	-
Eiichi Nakao	60	8	Yamanashi	Watanabe	Grad School, Waseda U	Economic Planning	Budget, Foreign Affairs, Agriculture	Agriculture	-
Tsutomu Hata	54	8	Nagano 2	Takeshita	Seijo U	Agriculture	Agriculture	Posts & Telecommunications, Agriculture	-
Koichi Kato	51	7	Yamagata 2	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	Defense	-	Cabinet Secretariat	-
Michihiko Kano	48	6	Yamagata 1	Abe	Gakushuin U	Agriculture	Transporation	Transportation	-

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Takashi Sato	62	6, 2(UH)	Niigata 2	Abe	Tokyo Agriculture U	Agriculture	Agriculture(LH), Agriculture(UH)	Agriculture	-
Motoji Kondo	60	5	Niigata 1	Miyazawa	Nihon U	-	Agriculture	Agriculture	-
Yoshiyuki Toya	62	5	Kumamoto 2	Miyazawa	Agriculture Tech School	-	Construction	Construction	-
Hakuo Yanagisawa	54	3	Shiuzoka 3	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	-	-	-	-
Masahiro Koga	56	2	Fukuoka 3	Takeshita	Tokyo U	-	-	-	Agriculture Ministry, Division Director
Yoshiyuki Hozumi	55	2	Fukushima 2	Komoto	Tokyo U	-	-	-	Agriculture Ministry, Bureau Director-General
Yoshio Inoue	67	3	UH-Kagoshima	Takeshita	Kumamoto Commercial U	Hokkaido, Okinawa Development	Agriculture	Finance	-
Yukio Tashiro	74	3	UH-Kumamoto	Abe	Toa Dobun Shoin	-	-	Agriculture	-
Taiichiro Okawara	68	2	UH-National	Watanabe	Tokyo U	-	Finance, Local Administration	-	Agriculture Ministry, Vice-Minister
Hiroshi Ishikawa	61	1	UH-National	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	-	-	-	Agriculture Ministry, Vice-Minister, Agriculture Ministry, Vice-Minister; Food Agency, Director-General
Kei Ooma	52	1	UH-Fukuoka	None	Tokyo U	-	-	-	Agriculture Ministry, Office Director
Fisheries Zoku									
Fumio Abe	68	7	Hokkaido 3	Miyazawa	Hokkaido U	Hokkaido, Okinawa Development	Education, Agriculture	Hokkaido Development	-
Finance Zoku									
Noboru Takeshita	66	12	Shimane	Takeshita	Waseda U	Prime Minister, Finance, Construction, Cabinet Secretariat	Budget	MITI, Cabinet Secretariat	-
Tatsuo Murayama	75	10	Niigata 3	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	Finance, Health and Welfare	Audit	Transportation, Justice	Finance Ministry, Director-General

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Michio Watanabe	67	10	Tochigi 1	Watanabe	Tokyo Commercial U	MITI, Finance, Agriculture, Health & Welfare	Cabinet Affairs	Agriculture	-
Kiichi Miyazawa	70	9, 2 (UH)	Hiroshima 3	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	Finance, Cabinet Secretariat, Economic Planning, Foreign, MITI	Rules & Administration(UH)	Education	Private Secretary to Finance Minister
Ganri Yamashita	69	9	Shiga	Thursday Club	Tokyo U	Defense	Rules & Administration	-	Director-General, Hiroshima Tax Bureau
Tetsuo Kondo	61	8	Yamagata 1	Komoto	Hitotsubashi U	Economic Planning	Science & Technology	Agriculture, Education, Management & Administration	Tax Office, Director
Jun Shiozaki	73	8	Ehime 1	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	Management & Coordination, Economic Planning	-	Justice, Foreign Affairs	Director-General, Finance Ministry Bureau
Junichiro Koizumi	48	7	Kanagawa 2	Abe	Keio U	Health & Welfare	Finance	Finance	-
Takeshi Noda	48	7	Kumamoto 1	Watanabe	Tokyo U	Construction	Commerce & Industry	MITI	Tax Office, Director
Hirohisa Fujii	58	1, 2 (UH)	Kanagawa 3	Takeshita	Tokyo U	-	UH-Finance	Finance	Finance Ministry Stats Officer
Iichiro Hatoyama	71	3	UH-National	Watanabe	Tokyo U	Foreign Affairs	-	-	Finance Ministry, Vice-Minister
Shinichiro Shimojo	70	3	UH-Nagano	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	-	Rules & Administration, Commerce & Industry, Agriculture	-	Bank of Japan Policy Board Member

Defense Zoku

Shin Kanemaru	75	12	Yamanashi	Takeshita	Tokyo Agriculture U	Construction, Defense, Land	Construction, Rules & Administration	Posts & Telecommunications, Transportation	-
Soichiro Ito	66	10	Miyagi 1	Komoto	Tohoku U	Science & Techonology, Defense	Posts & Telecommunications	Agriculture, Science & Technology	-
Masayuki Fujio	73	10	Tochigi 2	Abe	Sophia U	Education, Labor	Education, Cabinet Affairs	MITI, Construction	-
Ganri Yamashita	69	9	Shiga	Thursday Club	Tokyo U	Defense	Rules & Administration	-	-

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Yuko Kurihara	70	7, 2 (UH)	Shizuoka 2	Miyazawa	Tokyo U	Defense, Labor	(LH)Foreign Affairs, Budget, (UH)Finance, Rules & Administration	MITI	-
Taku Yamazaki	53	7	Fukuoka 1	Watanabe	Waseda U	Defense	Social & Labor Affairs	Cabinet Secretariat, Defense, Health and Welfare	-
Sohei Yamashita	62	5	Nagano 3	Abe	Tokyo U	-	Audit	-	-
Tadashi Itagaki	66	2	UH-At Large	Miyazawa	Chuo U	-	Cabinet Affairs	Okinawa Development	-
Labor Zoku									
Kenzaburo Hara	83	18	Hyogo 2	None	Waseda	Labor, National Land, Hokkaido Development	Communications	Transportation	-
Takashi Hasegawa	78	13	Miyagi 2	Abe	Waseda	Justice, Transportation, Labor	Transportation	Education	-
Kunikichi Saito	81	12	Fukushima 3	Miyazawa	Tokyo	Administrative Management Agency, Health & Welfare	Finance	Finance, Cabinet Secretariat	Labor Vice-Minister
Yuko Kurihara	70	7 (2 UH)	Shizuoka 2	Tokyo	Miyazawa	Defense, Labor	(LH)Foreign Affairs, Budget, (UH)Finance, Rules & Administration	MITI	-
Nobuyuki Hanashi	61	9	Ibaragi 1	Miyazawa	Hokkaido U	Home Affairs	Education, Social & Labor Affairs	Labor	-
Ihei Ochi	69	8	Ehime 2	Watanabe	Engineering Tech	Construction	Budget, Rules & Administration, Finance, Transportation	-	-
Takeshi Hamano	64	5	Tokyo 9	Miyazawa	Chuo U	-	Foreign Affairs	Foreign Affairs, Labor	-
Takenori Kato	74	5	UH-Okayama	Abe	Chuo U	Home Affairs	Social & Labor Affairs	Labor	-
Man Sasaki	64	3	UH-Akita	Watanabe	Tokyo U	-	Social and Labor Affairs	Hokkaido Development	-